

## REMARKS

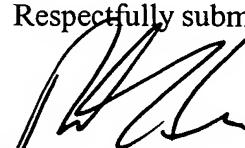
The specification has been amended to insert information regarding the parent application of this case. Claims 1-40 have been canceled as drawn to subject matter not elected for prosecution in the instant case. Claims 41-63 have been added herein. Support for new claims 41 and 62 can be found, at least, in original claim 1, and from page 5, line 6 to page 6, line 18. Support for new claims 42-61 can be found in the claims as filed. Support for new claim 63 can be found, at least, at page 35, lines 6-15.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Applicants submit that, in light of the foregoing remarks, the present case is in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested. If however, some unanswered questions remain in the mind of the Examiner, or if the Examiner would be available to discuss the merits of this case, and assist in facilitating its speedy allowance, she is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at (512) 536-3085 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Consideration of the foregoing remarks is earnestly solicited by the Applicants.

Respectfully submitted,



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